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Re: <u>Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762, and 777-792 MHz Bands,</u>

WT Docket No. 06-150

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 18, John Scott and I met with the following staff from the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau to discuss the above-captioned proceeding: Rick Kaplan, Bureau Chief; John Leibovitz, Deputy Bureau Chief; Paul Murray, Assistant Bureau Chief; Lloyd Coward, Deputy Chief of the Mobility Division; and Paul D'Ari, Deputy Chief, and Joel Taubenblatt, Senior Counsel, Spectrum and Competition Policy Division.

We discussed the need for clarity regarding penalties for failure to meet build-out requirements for the Lower 700 MHz A and B block spectrum. At present, the Commission's rules provide no guidance regarding the circumstances under which licensees might face penalties, such as fines and forfeitures, in addition to a two-year reduction in license term. We urged the Bureau to provide guidance expeditiously regarding the applicability of these additional penalties to provide certainty to licensees facing build-out deadlines.

This letter is being filed electronically pursuant to Section 1.1206 of the Commission's Rules. Should you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact the undersigned.

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Sincerely,

cc: (by e-mail)

Rick Kaplan John Leibovitz Paul Murray Lloyd Coward Paul D'Ari Joel Taubenblatt

¹ See, e.g., Service Rules for the 698-746, 747-762, and 777-792 MHz Bands, WT Docket No. 06-150, Petition of MetroPCS Communications, Inc. for Clarification and Reconsideration (filed Sept. 20, 2007), at 6-10; Blooston Rural Carriers Petition for Partial Reconsideration and/or Clarification (filed Sept. 24, 2007), at 11-18.